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Examiner James,

Please find enclosed the results of your search request. I did not find the documentation on OBI standard-V0.9b from all the resources available to me. I placed many calls to SupplyWorks, but no one has responded yet.

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Thanks,

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1. (currently Amended) A software system for efficient procurement of
operating resources within resources within an enterprise, comprising:
requisition record generating m-f generating a requisition record for
a requisition, the requisition record indicating at least
an operating resource that a requester desires to purchase, and
an electronic receipt generating m-f generating an electronic receipt
to acknowledge receipt of the operating resource wherein the
electronic receipt indicates one of an acceptance or rejection of a
received operating resource and facilitate payment for the accepted
operating resource upon acceptance
requisition record generating means generating the requisition record
responsive to a combination of:
input by a requestor including a commentary entry describing a
purpose for indicating the operating resource to the requisition
record; and
operating resource information extracted from an operating resource
information database;
approval path determining means, responsive to the requisition record
to approval rules in an approval rules database, for determining an
approval path for the requisition record, among various ones of a
plurality of possible approvers, required to approve the requisition
record based on the commentary entry;
approval path handling m-f guiding the requisition record along the
determined approval path, wherein the approval path handling means
generates a global approval indication based on the commentary entry
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already.  thanks.  jimz
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Who: Internet Purchasing Roundtable, SupplyWorks,
        and American Express Invitees
What: OBI Technical Review
Where: Center for Executive Education, Babson College
        Wellesley, Mass.
When: March 21, 1997

On behalf of SupplyWorks and American Express, I invite you to
attend the first Open Buying on the Internet (OBI) Technical
Review which will be held on March 21, 1997 from 8:30AM
to 4:30PM at the Center for Executive Education at Babson
College in Wellesley, Mass. We expect approximately 20-30
individuals from 15-20 organizations for this meeting.

Attendees should have a good understanding of the technical
issues involved in the design and implementation of
Internet-based electronic commerce solutions including
experience with one or more of the following: Web
servers/applications, Internet servers/protocols, public
key encryption and digital certificates, SSL/PCT, EDI
document standards, etc.

Background

American Express Corporate Purchasing Services and
SupplyWorks, Inc. are working with a number of Fortune-500
buying and selling organizations to create the Open Buying
on the Internet (OBI) standard, an open, vendor-neutral,
scaleable and secure standard for conducting business-to-business
electronic purchasing. The goal is to transact business
with major trading partners, particularly with key contracted
suppliers of commodity goods and services, using Internet
technology.

Participants in the Roundtable share a common business
vision that this standard will reduce costs, improve
the overall buy-pay process, and increase service levels
to end-users. The work of the Roundtable is described
fully in "Open Buying on the Internet (OBI) Standard,
Release V0.9b" (January 1997).

The high level objectives of the OBI technology
standard are:
        - provide a common, scaleable blueprint for
          Internet-based purchasing between OBI-compliant
          buying organizations and their preferred suppliers
          of commodity goods and services

- maximize interoperability across organizations
  and systems while providing flexibility for companies
  to independently develop implementation strategies
  consistent with their internal business process and
  technology infrastructure
- support an environment that provides requisitioners
  with electronic access to vendor product and service
  catalogs, ordering capabilities, order status
  information and value-added services from their desktops
- support a flexible approach to security and payment
  services

Goals of the Technical Review

The first release of the OBI standard (V1.0), which will
be announced this spring, is focused on support of high
volume, low dollar purchasing transactions between
Fortune 500 organizations and their major trading partners
in 1997. We expect the standard to evolve and are in the
process of completing plans for a new consortium that will
guide this evolution.

The objectives of the first OBI technical review are to:
- get technical feedback on the initial version of
  the OBI architecture and specifications from technical
  staff representing major technology providers as
  well as Internet Purchasing Roundtable companies
- gain consensus from the assembled group on moving
  forward to complete the OBI V1.0 technical specifications
- provide attendees with sufficient information that
  they will be able to assess the level of effort to
  build OBI V1.0 compliance into their products
  and services this year

The meeting will include presentations as well as opportunity
for open group discussion and feedback.

Tentative Agenda

8:30-noon

Architecture: The OBI architecture is a four-entity
model (requisitioner, supplier, buying organization,
and payment authority) with limited information flows
between entities.
        -key requirements influencing the OBI architecture design

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         -OBI V1.0 architecture, information flows, user experience
         -comparison of alternative architectural models for
          business-to-business commerce
         -assessment of tradeoffs, pros and cons

Security: The OBI security model is based heavily on
public key encryption and digital certificates.
         -key requirements influencing the OBI security model
         -OBI V1.0 security model incl. digital certificates
         -comparison of alternative models
         -assessment of tradeoffs, pros and cons

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OBI Transmission Protocol: The OBI protocol is used to
transmit OBI/EDI documents securely over the Internet in
real-time between trading partners.
         -key requirements influencing the OBI protocol design
         -alternative design approaches
         -assessment of tradeoffs, pros and cons
         -OBI protocol design

OBI/EDI Order Format: The OBI order format is based on
the ANSI X.12 850 standard for EDI purchase orders.
         -key requirements
         -OBI order format(s)

Compliance: OBI V1.0 compliance will focus on minimal
requirements for implementation of the OBI standard.
         -minimal requirements for buying organizations
         -minimal requirements for suppliers
         -minimal requirements for agents
         -minimal requirements for technology providers

Logistics

Please rsvp to Sally Beerbower of SupplyWorks by
March 7 (617-861-7800, ext 1204 or sallyb@supplyworks.com).
Individuals will be responsible for their housing and
travel arrangements. Sally will provide directions to the
Babson Center for Executive Education and recommended
lodging in the local area. If you have any questions
about the goals or agenda of the meeting, contact
Cecilia d'Oliveira of SupplyWorks (617-861-7800, ext. 1202
or cec@supplyworks.com).

Meeting Preparation

If you have not already done so, please read "Open Buying
on the Internet (OBI) Standard, Release V0.9b" (January 1997).
A copy can be obtained from Sally Beerbower. Additional
materials will be mailed to you for your review prior
to the meeting.